

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-79. (Cancelled)

80. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

receiving an input signal from a network, the input signal comprising an embedded force feedback command;

extracting the force feedback command from the input signal;

generating an output signal associated with the force feedback command; and

wherein the input signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, or an ActiveX control.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the output signal is operable to cause a manipulandum to output a force.

83. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the output signal is operable to cause a force to be output in a simulation device comprising a processor.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the input signal is a first input signal and further comprising receiving a second input signal from a manipulandum.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 84, wherein the output signal is further associated with the second input signal.

86. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the force feedback command comprises a first force feedback command and further comprising:

receiving the output signal; and

overriding the first force feedback command with a second force feedback command.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein the first force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.

88. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein the second force feedback command comprises a generic force feedback command.

89. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, further comprising generating a force feedback effect associated with the second force feedback command.

90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, further comprising:
 receiving the output signal; and
 generating a force feedback effect.

91. (Cancelled)

92. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
 receiving a force feedback command;
 embedding the force feedback command in an output signal;
 transmitting the output signal to a network; and
 wherein the output signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, or an ActiveX control.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

94. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, wherein the force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.

95. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing instructions to cause a processor to:

receive an input signal from a network, the input signal comprising an embedded force feedback command;

extract the force feedback command from the input signal;

generate an output signal associated with the force feedback command; and

wherein the input signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, or an ActiveX control.

96. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 95, wherein the input signal is a first input signal and further comprising instructions to receive a second input signal from a manipulandum.

97. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 95, wherein the force feedback command comprises a first force feedback command and further comprising instructions to:

receive the output signal; and

override the first force feedback command with a second force feedback command.

98. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 97, wherein the first force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.

99. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 97, wherein the second force feedback command comprises a generic force feedback command.

100. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 97, further comprising instructions to generate a force feedback effect associated with the second force feedback command.

101. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 95, further comprising instructions to:

receive the output signal; and

generate a force feedback effect.

102. (Cancelled)

103. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing instructions to cause a processor to:

receive a force feedback command;

embed the force feedback command in an output signal;

transmit the output signal to a network; and

wherein the output signal is associated with at least one of a web page, a java applet, or an ActiveX control.

104. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 103, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

105. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 103, wherein the force feedback command comprises an authored force feedback command.